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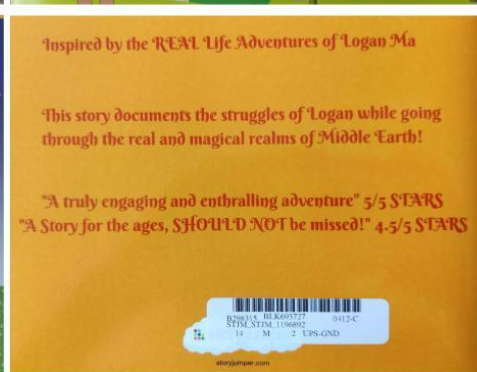
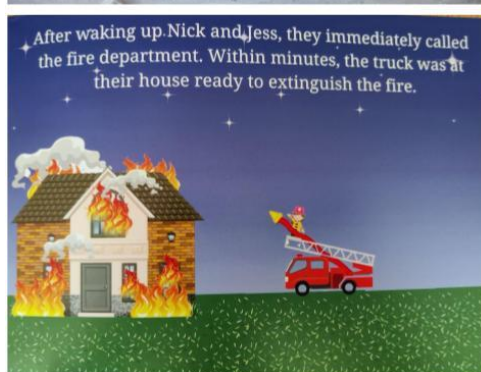
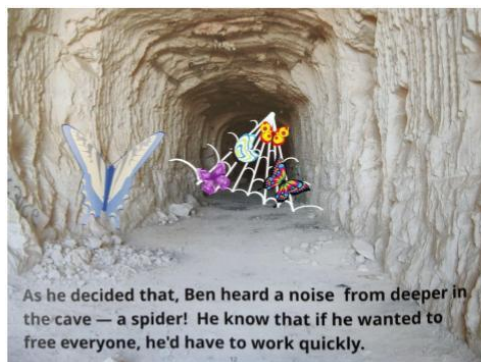
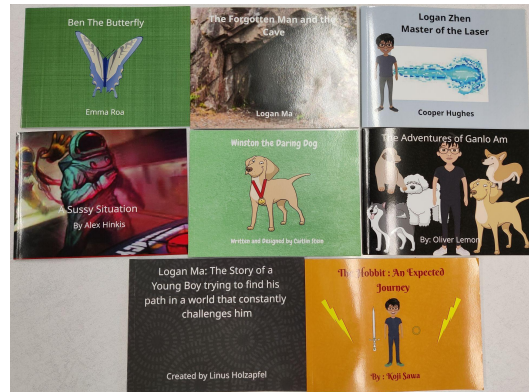
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Create Comics/Story Books with the Hero's Journey Structure

This English Language Art project was chosen by both the 7th & 8th grade classes. The classes studied the archetypes of the Hero's Journey Structure, and then they used this structure to create their own comics or story books. The writings and designs were all done on an online app, StoryJumper.com. The final products were also published through StoryJumper. Please take a look at their wonderful work!



The Hidden Wonders of Atlas Obscura

Our last study unit was called “The Hidden Wonders of Atlas Obscura”. This unit had two parts, a field trip and group projects.

Part 1: Hidden Wonder Field Trip

The two classes went on the field trip visiting a Chinese Scholar Garden at Snug Harbor Cultural Center and Botanic Garden, Staten Island, New York. The garden tour led by the Snug Harbor staff gave a detailed introduction about Chinese traditional garden design concepts and cultural background. After the tour, students tried the ink painting with brushes and ink. This Snug Harbor Chinese Scholar Garden is one of the three largest authentic Chinese gardens in the US, and the only one on the east coast, a true hidden wonder!



Part 2: Group Projects--Hidden Wonders of Atlas Obscura

These interdisciplinary projects involved the subjects of History, Language Art, Geography, and Mini Photography. A website, <https://www.atlasobscura.com/>, was the main resource to research the topics that the classes were interested in. For each topic, the geographic locations, brief historical background, ethnic groups of people, and traditions were introduced in their presentations.

Mini photos were the important part of the final products. Each group first learned the basics of mini photography, then they generated miniature settings to represent their topic scenes, and then close up photos were taken. The settings were made with ordinary household items. The final photos will be posted in the next newsletter.

